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not this benefit be extended to also in respect of those who retired before 1st April 1946 for, after all, the number of people who will be affected will be very very small? Will the Government consider this suggestion?"

THE HON. SRI T. PRAKASAM :—" I shoud be inclined to do so."

Pension to peons who retired before 27th April 1946.

* 105 Q.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : With reference to answer to question No. 51 given on the 11th September 1946 and the supplementary questions and answers on the same, will the Hon'ble the Prime Minister be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have considered the question of allowing peons, who retired before 27th April 1946 also to draw pension equal to half their average emoluments during the last three years of their service as against a pension of Rs. 6 per mensem for which they are now eligible;

(b) whether the Government have accepted the recommendation of the Salaries Committee to treat peons as superior for purposes of pension;

(c) if the answer to (b) as in the affirmative, whether rules governing pension in respect of superior services will be applicable to peons also;

(d) whether any revision in the salaries of peons has been ordered; and

(e) whether in view of the increased cost of living, travelling allowances granted to peons will also be revised?

THE HON. SRI T. PRAKASAM :—" (a) The answer to this clause has been given to question No. 104.

" (b) & (c) The rules governing pension in respect of Government servants in superior service are not applicable to peons, who continue to be classed as in inferior service. But the Cabinet Salaries Committee, 1946, has recommended that the rates and rules regarding gratuities should be liberalized, and the recommendation has been accepted by the Government. The Government have also accepted the recommendation of the Committee that provision should be made for permitting inferior servants to retire from service at their option after reaching the age of 55 years or after they have rendered 30 years qualifying service, if the head of the office certifies to their incapacity for further public service.

" (d) The Government have decided to enhance the scale of pay of peons to Rs. 16–½ (annual)–25.

" (e) the Government have already increased from time to time the rates of travelling allowance admissible to peons in consideration of the increase in the cost of living brought about by

war conditions. The Cabinet Salaries Committees examined the question of travelling allowance of Government servants and came to the conclusion that the existing conditions need no improvement."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Whatever may be the considerations that govern the travelling allowance of other officers, since the peons are already getting a very small travelling allowance when they go out on duty, will the Hon. the Premier consider the question of raising the travelling allowance of peons? "

THE HON. SRI T. PRAKASAM :—" It will be considered, Sir."

Labour dispute in Messrs. Parry & Co., at Ranipet.

* 106 *Q.*—SRI P. R. K. SARMA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether an adjudicator has been appointed under rule 81-A of the Defence of India Rules into the labour dispute in the factories of Messrs. Parry & Co., at Ranipet ;

(*b*) what the dispute is and what the issues referred for adjudication are ;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that Mr. Lobo, the District Judge of North Arcot has been appointed by the Government as the adjudicator in the dispute under rule 81-A of the Defence of India Rules,

(*d*) whether it is a fact that the Ranipet Labour Union has complained to the Government that the District Judge has taken the matter as an original petition before the District Court of North Arcot with the Ranipet Labour Union as the plaintiff and Messrs. Parry & Co., Ltd., as the respondent, and is proceeding with the case as such instead of dealing with it as adjudicator appointed under rule 81-A of the Defence of India Rules ;

(*e*) whether any representation has been made by the Ranipet Labour Union to the Government pointing out the difficulties in the presentation of their case by the attitude of the District Judge in dealing with the matter as an original petition before the District Court instead of as a trade dispute referred to him for adjudication; and

(*f*) what the Government have done or propose to do in the matter?

THE HON. SRI V. V. GIRI :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) The dispute is about the wages of the workers.

The following issues have been referred for adjudication :—

(1) The minimum number of jars which a potter may be required to manufacture in a working day of eight hours ;

(2) The piece rates of wages for the production of the minimum number of jars.

" (*c*) Yes, Sir.